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Via email: [74684-85017741@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:74684-85017741@requests.muckrock.com)

Jimmy Tobias  
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Dear Mr. Tobias:

On June 3, 2019, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking:

Any written or electronic documentation, including any recordings, of David Bernhardt's remarks at a May 9, 2018 meeting with the Association of California Water Agencies.

On June 3, 2019, we acknowledged your request and advised you of your fee status under the FOIA. We are writing today to respond to your request on behalf of the Office of the Secretary. Please find attached one file, consisting of 34 pages, which are being released to you in their entirety.

There is no fee for the processing of this request. This completes the Office of the Secretary's response to your request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact Cindy Sweeney by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by email at [os\\_foia@ios.doi.gov](mailto:os_foia@ios.doi.gov), or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-7328, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka, at the phone and address above.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka  
Office of the Secretary  
FOIA Officer

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